



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Diaper need is characterized as the lack of a sufficient supply of clean diapers needed to ensure that an infant or toddler is clean, healthy, and dry. As such, diaper need may adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers, and families; and
- WHEREAS: One in three mothers with children under age three may experience diaper need, while an estimated 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper in an effort to extend supply; and
- WHEREAS: The average infant or toddler requires 50 diaper changes per week over a three-year period. Diapers cannot be bought with EBT or WIC vouchers, making it difficult for some parents to obtain a sufficient supply of diapers and thereby causing additional economic hardship among families in need; and
- WHEREAS: A sufficient supply of diapers is often an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in child care and quality early education programs. When infants and toddlers are unable to attend child care programs, their parents may encounter additional difficulties in obtaining and maintaining full-time employment; and
- WHEREAS: Addressing diaper need may result in greater economic opportunities for families in need, as well as their respective communities; and
- WHEREAS: During Diaper Need Awareness Week, the State of Georgia joins in recognizing the many community organizations dedicated to distributing these essential resources through various channels; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 24–30, 2018, as DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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